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1. SUMMARY: STUDY GROUP III WOUND UP ITS DELIBERATIONS ON MAY 3 WITH EXAMINATION OF TEMPORARY DOCUMENTS COVERING WORK OF PREVIOUS DAY AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF SMM AND UMI. MAJOR RESULT OF MEETING WAS MAY 2 SESSION OF WORKING PARTY III/1 (LEASED CHANNELS) WHICH CONCLUDED, WITH REGARD TO THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION NUMBER SIX CALLING FOR A STUDY ON PRIVATE LEASED LINES AND VOLUME-BASED PRICING, THAT AT PRESENT THERE IS NO WAY TO MEASURE VOLUME AND THAT THIS ITSEL SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF A STUDY. END SUMMARY

2. CHAIRMAN (NICAISE - BELGIUM) OF WORKING PARTY III/3 (TELEGRAPH AND TELEX) OREINTED ENTIRE MORNING MAY 2 SESSION TO DISCUSSION OF ROGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THIS STUDY PERIOD. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN SUBSTANCE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A BINARY CHARGING SYSTEM FOR TELEGRAMS. A PROCEDURAL ISSUE WAS RAISED ANEW WHEN THE CHAIRMAN ASKED WHETHER USER GGROUPE REPRESENTATITIVES SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE

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NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN MARCH 1978. YOST (SWITZERLAND) INTERVENED, SAYING HE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN ISSUE WHICH SG III SHOULD DISCUSS WHEN IT MEETS IN PLENARY SESSION. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD DIFFICULTY INVITING PEOPLE TO A MEETING AND THEN BEING REQUIRED TO ASK THEM TO LEAVE. USDEL REITERATED U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE THAT WAS TAKEN AT THE PLENARY. YOST PROPOSED TO INVITE

EVERYONE TO NEXT MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT A DISTINCTION BE DRAWN BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONS AND THAT THE FORMER BE DISCUSSED EITHER AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF THE MEETING SO THAT USER REPRESENTATIVES COULD MORE EASILY AVOID THESE SESSIONS. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS SUGGESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT.

3. CHAIRMAN (ROUXVILLE FRANCE) OF WP III/1 (LEASED CHANNELS) OPENED AFTERNOON SESSION WITH DISCUSSION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE THE WP. A NUMBER OF DELS EXPRESSED THE DESIRABILITY FOR CLARIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH B OF RECOMMENDATION D-1. PRINCIPAL AREAS OF CONCERN FOR MAJORITY OF THE DELS WAS THE DESIRE TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PROBLEM OF PUBLIC DATA ACCESS. OTHERS NOTED THE DIFFICULTY IN INTERPRETING CERTAIN PARTS OF D-1. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN MARCH OF 1978 AND HE SOLICITED WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE FROM THE DELS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING. THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION NUMBER SIX (LEASED LINES AND VOLUME PRICING) PROVOKED AN ACTIVE DEBATE. USDEL ASKED THROUGH THE CHAIR FOR THE ITALIAN DEL TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THIS PROPOSED STUDY. THE ITALIAN DELEGATE MADE A BRIEF UNCLEAR STATEMENT. USDEL STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT LEASED CHANNEL SERVICES CHARGED ON A FLAT RATE BASIS SEEM TO BE MEETING QUITE ADEQUATELY THE NEEDS OF MANY USERS. THE UKDEL SAID THAT THE UK TENDS TO THE VIEW THAT VOLUME-BASED CHARGING SEEMS APPROPRIATE, BUT THAT AT PRESENT THERE

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IS NO WAY TO MEASURE THIS VOLUME AND THEREFORE THIS SHOULD BE A MATTER FOR FURTHER STUDY. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF DELS. THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT ADMINISTRATIONS SHOULD SEND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON HOW VOLUME-BASED CHARGING COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PROGRAM OF STUDY WHICH DOES NOT COMMIT THE WP TO APPLYING A VOLUME-BASED SYSTEM HE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY DECEMBER 1, 1977. THE USDEL SUPPORTED THE CHAIRMAN AND INDICATED WE WOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS STUDY, BUT USDEL ALSO STRESSED THAT ALL EXISTING SERVICES, INCLUDING LEASED CHANNELS CHARGE ON A FLAT RATE, MUST REMAIN AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS.

4. MORNING SESSION MAY 3 WAS SPENT REVIEWING TEMPORARY DOCUMENTS REPORTING THE ACTIVITIES OF WORKING PARTY III/2 (PUBLIC DATA) WHICH COVERED THE TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN SG III AND VII AND THE AD HOC MEETING. MORNING SESSION CONCLUDED WITH THE REPORT OF SMM

(MOBILE MARITIME SERVICE) WHICH HAD COMPLETED ITS
WORK WITH UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT. THE SMM RECOMMENDATIONS
WILL BE SUBMITTED BY LETTER BALLOT TO ITU MEMBERS
FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE. REPORT OF THE UMI MEETING HELD
LAST WEEK WAS GIVEN DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION.
USDEL MADE CHANGES TO TEMPORARY DOCUMENT COVERING
MAY 2 DISCUSSIONS ON ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION NO. 6.
AFTER COMPLETING DISCUSSION OF ALL ITEMS ON AGENDA
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